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	AE	3	9	8	5	6	1	6		10/12/76	Weaver et al.	195	63	
	AF	3	9	8	1	1	0	0		9/21/76	Weaver et al.	47	58	
	AG	3	9	3	5	0	9	9		1/27/76	Weaver et al.	210	43	
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